

At a Court convened and held at the town of Southampton, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1844 for the examination of Robert Cole charged with feloniously wounding and maiming of his master of aforesaid killing was examined Oliver French by witness French and John W. French with a gun to test with your power, and he did so returning the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1844 in the said County of Southampton.

Present & Testified at Southwicks Henry French, foreman

Superintendant General of Fisheries 3  
July

The Court being satisfied the said Robert Cole was not in the course of the duty of his post of fish-keeper and therefore having made a full enquiry of General William French from whom ... Cole and Mr. Whigham were poor and examined and the former had no other defense by himself. It transpires  
that it is the opinion of the Court that Robert Cole ought not to be tried for such  
felony. Therefore it is ordered that the former be here discharged.

Signed. John French.

Teste. DR Edwards Esq

Southampton County. In the Books Office the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1844.  
William D. Whitbread  
Plaintiff

Defendant  
(See back)

against  
Joseph D. Whitbread

That day came the parties in their proper forms and the defendant acknowledged  
the plaintiff's action for the debt and interest on the sum mentioned and the court therefore  
with the advice of the plaintiff it is considered that the plaintiff recover judgment  
in defendant the sum of forty four dollars the debt on the sum mentioned and legal  
interest accrued from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1844 till paid and the trial by the  
said law court on the behalf defendant in the court of Southampton May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and the said defendant is not present in testing. The judgment is to be  
done for the latter one fifty four.

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